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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/587,267	Applicant(s) JANSSEN, ROBERT HENDRIK CATHARINA	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mogami et al. 5,684,071, Yamamoto et al. 5,770,644, Tanaka et al. JP-2003-076088, Yoshihara et al. JP-11-080519 or Saiki et al. JP-09-143346.
3. The rejection is maintained in view of the "Response to Arguments" set forth below.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 1/9/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's claimed compound has to contain only polyester and melamine cyanurate. Yamamoto et al. disclose 30-95 parts of PE, 45 parts of melamine cyanurate (mecy), 5 parts of PPE, 2 parts of phosphorus compound, 0.001 anti-drip (PTFE) and 0.05 of compatibilizing agent in claim 1. The compatibilizing agent can be a phosphate ester, making the phosphate concentration 2.05 parts. No other component has to be present. A reference is not limited to its examples. In re Fracalossi, 215 USPQ 569-570 (CCPA1982). It is true that Mogami et al. do not show the amount of polyester. However, it is obvious that claim 1 for example can contain 50% mecy 0.1% compound (B) and 49.9% PE. Compound (B) can be a salt of a phosphinic acid, which is a flame retardant. Applicants' claim 1 does not require any glass fibers and neither does claim 9 of Mogami et al. One of ordinary skill in the art would not have

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considered the disclosure of the reference to be limited to their preferred embodiments or working examples. In re Lamberti, 192 USPQ 278, 280 (CCPA 1976). The concentrations disclosed by the three Japanese documents encompass applicants' claimed concentrations, making them in the absence of unexpected results obvious to of ordinary skill in the art. Saito et al. reports 100 parts of polyester and 1-100 parts of melamine compound. The examiner admittedly is picking and choosing, but it may be entirely proper in the context of an obviousness rejection. The rejection stands.

5. All other rejections are withdrawn by the examiner in light of applicant's response.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:10 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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